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SUBJ: ISRAELI-LEBANESE RELATIONS

REF: BEIRUT 10696

1. WE CONCUR WITH AMB GODLEY'S VIEW, AS EXPRESSED TO FONMIN TAQLA, THAT GOI WOULD NOT DELIBERATELY ATTACK SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIABLE LEBANESE TARGETS IN COURSE OF ITS CAMPAIGN AGAINST PLO INSTALLATIONS. GOI OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION THAT, FROM ISRAELI PERSPECTIVE, CIVIL STRIFE LEADING TO FURTHER WEAKENING OF GOL COULD ONLY AGGRAVATE ALREADY DIFFICULT SITUATION ON LEBANESE/ISRAELI BORDER. MOREOVER, DEFENSE MINISTER PERES HAS STATED PUBLICLY (MOST RECENTLY ON AUG 5) THAT ISRAEL HAS NOT INTEREST IN DAMAGING GOL, AND THAT ITS PURPOSE IN CARRYING OUT ATTACKS IN LEBANON IS STRICTLY TO STOP TERRORIST ACTIVITY ACROSS ITS NORTHERN BORDER. FINALLY, WE BELIEVE THAT ISRAELIS ARE COGNIZANT OF POTENTIALLY DAMAGING IMPLICATIONS OF ANY NEW FLAREUP IN LEBANESE-ISRAELI RELATIONS AT THIS CRITICAL STAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR INTERIM AGREEMENT.

2. WHILE IT WILL BE RECOGNIZED THAT ABOVE IS BASED ON WHAT ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TELL US (AND THEIR OWN PUBLIC) IN THEIR DE-BRIEFINGS AFTER RAIDS, THEY WOULD SEEM TO HAVE NO REASON TO UPSET THE LEBANESE DOMESTIC BALANCE OR TO OPEN ANOTHER FRONT. TOON

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